GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPORT PRICE OF COCONUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to increase the support price of coconut;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any proposal regarding financial assistance for the Coconut growers from the Government of Kerala during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon:

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The price policy of copra for 2001 is presently under active consideration of Government and will be announced soon.

(c)&(d): The Government of Kerala submitted a proposal for Rs.100 crores during1999-2000 for mitigating mite problem in Kerala, seeking additional assistance. Coconut Development Board has provided Rs.589.025 lakhs to Kerala Government formite control during 1999-2000 under the Plant Protection component of IntegratedFarming Programme. The Board will implement developmental programmes at a total cost of Rs.492.1 lakhs during 2000-2001 for expansion of area under coconut, production and distribution of planting materials, aid to private nurseries, integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement and management of diseased affected palms. In addition National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) isproviding financial assistance for establishment of agro processing units including copra processing in the cooperative sector